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activated V12 Ras on MAPK activation in response to bFGF. IPTG-regulated expression of the HA epitope-tagged Ras mutants (N17 and V12 Ras) was observed (data not shown). Expression of N17 Ras significantly blunted bFGF stimulation of MAPK Figure 28A, but had no effect on TNF stimulation of JNK (data not shown). With two independent clones, expression of V12 Ras did not constitutively activate the MAPK pathway, but did appear to enhance bFGF stimulation of MAPK Figure 25B. V12 Ras expression also had no effect on TNF $\alpha$  stimulation of JNK activity (data not shown). Similar results were found with independent L929 cell clones indicating the responses were the result of specific mutant Ras expression.

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**In The Claims:**

✓ Please cancel claims 40-52, without prejudice.